

AFRL Airmen win clinical laboratory awards

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AFRL Human Effectiveness Directorate

Two Airmen from the Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate have earned prestigious clinical laboratory awards. Staff Sgt. Aaron Guilfoil and Tech. Sgt. Ellen Ebel were the recipients.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Guilfoil, a medical laboratory technician assigned to the directorate's biosciences and protection division, counterproliferation branch, was awarded the Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists Tri-Service Enlisted Service Award at the 28th Annual Meeting in Boston.

This award involved competition across Air Force, Army and Navy medical laboratory organizations.

Sgt. Guilfoil's technical expertise and exemplary military leadership were specifically recognized. He has been in the Air Force for 12 years.

"As an active member of



Tech. Sgt. Ellen Ebel

SAFMLS, I am honored to be the enlisted recipient for 2004," he said.

"And, I will continue to live up to the standards for which the award is presented. I would like to thank the society for the recognition and my supervisors for nominating me."

Tech. Sgt. Ellen Ebel, a medical



Staff Sgt. Aaron Guilfoil

laboratory technician also assigned to the directorate's biosciences and protection division, applied biotechnology branch, earned third-place honors in the Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals annual "Laboratorian of the Year" competition.

This award recognizes exceptional laboratory professionals and

their contribution to the laboratory field.

This year, Advance had a record number of submissions throughout the country.

Sgt. Ebel's picture and biography, published in Advance the week of April 19, corresponds with National Medical Laboratory Week, set for April 18-24. The theme for this year's event is "Laboratory Professionals: Working with You for Better Health."

Sgt. Ebel's colleagues at the lab are especially excited over this award as it acknowledges the pride, professionalism and dedication she exemplifies on a daily basis. She is a 16-year Air Force veteran.

"There is always someone you can count on or turn to in a time of need," she said of being in the Air Force.

"It was an honor to receive this award and I would like to sincerely thank my supervisors for submitting me for this award."